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מגילה
דף לאDAF YOMI⁴
KIDS

Inside the Daf

The **הַפְּטָרָה** describes Torah and **הַפְּטָרָה** (Prophets) readings for different occasions.

DAY	THE הַפְּטָרָה	THE REASON
First Day of פֶּסַח (Passover)	 יהושע ה, ב-יג / Josh. 5,2-13. The first Passover offering brought by the Jewish people in the Land of Israel	The Passover offering is important to the Passover Festival
Second Day of פֶּסַח (Passover)	 מלכים ב' כג, א-ט, כא-כה / II Kings 23,1-9,21-25. The Passover offering brought in the days of King Josiah in the time of the First Temple	The Passover offering is important to the Passover Festival
First Day of שָׁבוּעוֹת (Feast of Weeks)	 חבקוק ב, כ-ג, יט / Hab. 2,20-3,19. Some of the verses hint to the giving of the Torah	The Torah was given on this Festival
Second Day of שָׁבוּעוֹת (Feast of Weeks)	 יחזקאל א, א-ח, ג, יב / Ez. 1,1-28,3,12. This is the prophet's vision of a fiery chariot surrounded by angels	When Hashem gave the Torah on this Festival, He revealed Himself with angels
First Day of רֵאשׁ הַשָּׁנָה (New Year)	 שמואל א' א, ב-י, / Sam. 1,1-2,10. Hashem "remembers" חַנָּה (Hannah) and she conceives a son	Hashem "remembered" שָׂרָה (Sarah) on רֵאשׁ הַשָּׁנָה and conceived a son
Second Day of רֵאשׁ הַשָּׁנָה (New Year)	 ירמיה לא, ב-כ / Jer. 31,2-20. Hashem remembering His people	On this Festival we hope Hashem remembers us
יוֹם כִּפּוּר (Day of Atonement)	 ישעיה נז, יד-נח, יד / Is. 57,14-58,14. Contains the theme of repentance	On this day we repent for our sins
First Day of סוּכּוֹת (Festival of Booths)	 זכריה יד, א-כא / Zech. 14,1-21. Prophecy about a battle that will happen in Jerusalem	Some verses talk about the סוּכּוֹת Festival in the Messianic Era
Second Day of סוּכּוֹת (Festival of Booths)	 מלכים א' ח, ב-כא / I Kings 8,1-21. Dedication of the First Holy Temple in the days of King Solomon	Part of this dedication took place on סוּכּוֹת



Did You Know...

Hashem promised **אַבְרָהָם** (Abraham) that whenever the Jewish people will read the Torah section about sacrifices, He will consider it as if they had brought an offering before Him and He will forgive them for all of their sins.

WORD OF THE DAY:

מְפַסְקִין

"WE PAUSE OR INTERRUPT"

Curses!



Pestilence is one of the curses
for not obeying Hashem

In the Torah portion of בְּחֻקְתֵּי (ויקרא כו, ג-מו), Lev. 26, 3-46) lists the blessings and curses that will happen to the Jewish people if they follow, or don't follow, Hashem's commandments. By reading the curses we encourage people to improve their ways to avoid suffering from these calamities.

When the curses are read in synagogue, the reader must read all of the curses together without interruption. If one interrupts the reading of the curses, one shows that they are not really important to him and he doesn't want to take the hint to improve his ways.

We also read curses in the Torah portion of כִּי תָבוֹא (דברים כו-כט), Deut. 26-29). The reader is allowed interrupt the reading of these curses since מֹשֶׁה (Moses) took it upon himself to warn the Israelites of them. It was Hashem Himself, however, who warned the Jewish people of the curses in the portion of בְּחֻקְתֵּי, and they therefore may not be interrupted.

A מְדוּת Moment

The annual color war was coming up and the red, blue and green teams were preparing. Talk in the cabin centered around which team had the best chance of winning the "war."

"Everyone knows our team is the best and the reason is because I'm the captain," said Ethan, who, everyone had to admit, was the most athletic of all the boys.

"Don't be so haughty," warned his counsellor. "The תּוֹרָה teaches that wherever we find mention of Hashem's power in the Torah, we also find mention of His humility. It isn't proper to just mention your power and brag; you also have to be humble."

Games

MATCH UP

Match the date to its הַפְסָקָה

סוכות ●

● King Solomon dedicates Temple

● Hashem remembers תְּנָה

● King Josiah of the First Temple

● First Passover in Israel

● Hashem remembers His people

● Prophecy of Battle

פסח ●

ראש השנה ●

Review Questions – מגילה דף ל"א

1. Name two special הַפְסָקָה readings.

2. Which Torah portion lists blessings and curses?

3. What is considered as if the Jewish people had brought an offering?
